

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

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The present application is a continuation-in-part of and claims priority to the following applications and/or issued patents, each of which is incorporated fully herein by reference: ~~now pending~~ <sup>now abandoned,</sup> U.S. patent application having Serial No. 09/841,165 filed April 24, 2001, which is a continuation of an earlier filed U.S. patent application, namely Serial No. 08/840,430 filed on April 29, 1997 which matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,296,649 on October 2, 2001, which itself was a continuing application based on that U.S. patent application filed on February 7, 1996 and assigned Serial No. 08/598,180 which matured into U.S. Patent No. 5,624,456 on April 29, 1997. The present application also claims priority to and is a continuation-in-part of the following, each also incorporated fully herein by reference: a U.S. patent application filed on April 24, 1998 and assigned Serial No. 09/065,848 which matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,007,553 on December 28, 1999, which itself was a Continuation-In-Part application of an earlier filed U.S. patent application, namely, Serial No. 08/845,171

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filed on April 25, 1997 which matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,051,009 on April 18, 2000. The present application further claims priority to and is a continuation-in-part of the following, each also being incorporated fully herein by reference: a U.S. patent application filed on October 17, 2000 and assigned Serial No. 09/690,204, <sup>now Patent No. 6,605,099</sup> ~~which is currently pending,~~ itself a continuing application of an earlier filed U.S. patent application filed on November 4, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/433,478 which issued a U.S. Patent No. 6,132,446 on October 17, 2000; and finally, a U.S. patent application filed on November 4, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/433,479 <sup>now Patent No. 6,527,788</sup> ~~which is~~ <sub>1</sub> ~~currently pending.~~---